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Timely Tidbits ...

Church Celebrates 150th Anniversary

Romulus Wesleyan Church, also known as "the little white church at Five Points," will commemorate 150 years of service to the people of Romulus this June. Sonfest—a festival featuring good food and good fun—will be held June 10–12 at the Wesleyan Church and in adjoining Mary Ann Banks Park. The event is co-sponsored by the River of Life Church (9426 Wayne Road, Romulus). All events are free; everyone welcome!

Friday will feature a car show (7 p.m.) and a drive-in movie (dusk); Saturday's plans call for a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, music, kids' games, adult bingo, crafts, and free food (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.); and Sunday's events will include the anniversary celebration (11 a.m.) and a picnic at the park (1 p.m.).

An Artful Invitation

The Romulus Arts Council is inviting all Romulus residents in grades kindergarten through 12 to submit their artwork for consideration for display in the new Romulus Senior Center. Pieces that are selected will be framed, and will remain on display at Romulus City Hall until the new senior center is completed this fall. Following a year's exhibit, they will be returned, still in their frames, to the artists who created them.

Entrants are encouraged to work in crayon, pencil, watercolor ... any media that expresses their unique creativity! All framable art is acceptable for submission.

Entries must be submitted to Maria Lambert (Romulus City Hall, 11111 South Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174) or Susan Hurt (36663 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48174) no later than Wednesday, June 30. All artwork *must* have the artist's name, age, and contact information attached to the back. (Remember to sign your art.)

Participants will be notified if their work is selected for display. All art will be returned to the artists.

Call Lambert (734-955-4533) or Hurt (955-1123) for more info.

"Senior Awards Night" Honors Best and Brightest from RHS



Earning many scholarships and other honors at Romulus High School's annual Senior Awards Night program were the top 10 members of the Class of 2005: (from left) Matthew Steffani, Jessica Shelton, Mallori Losacco, Jazmine Bennett, Joann Tieppo, Kristen Atchley, Ronnie Brown, Kimberly Wilson, and Katie Hale. Not pictured: Daniel Kinney. For story and additional photos, please see pages 11–14.

Ceremony Celebrates Barth School's Blue Ribbon Award



State, county, and local officials who attended Barth Elementary School's Blue Ribbon Ceremony on May 18 included: (from left) front – Jim Petrie (member, Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency Board of Education), Dr. Jeremy M. Hughes (interim superintendent, Michigan Department of Education), April Frayer (vice-president, Romulus Community Schools Board of Education), Cheryle Buckley (president, RCS Board of Education), Amanda D'Angelo (representative from the office of State Senator Raymond E. Basham), and Betty Lenossi (trustee, RCS Board of Education); back – Jim Giles (Blue Ribbon program director, Michigan Department of Education), Kenneth Mientkiewicz (treasurer, RCS Board of Education), Ken Berlinn (president, WCRESA Board of Education), Edward Clark (Human Resources director, RCS), Councilman LeRoy Burcroff (City of Romulus), Joel R. Carr (superintendent, RCS), Councilman William Wadsworth (City of Romulus), Thomas Kuderik (trustee, RCS Board of Education), Judge Brian A. Oakley (34th District Court), and William Routhier (Business and Operations director, RCS). For story and additional photos, see pages 6–7.

Letters to the Editor



Jamie's Polka Dots owner Jamie Harris said he appreciated the support he received at his recent grand opening.

Jamie's Says "Thanks!"

To the Editor:

As the proud new owner of Jamie's Polka Dots party store in Romulus, I would like to thank everyone who attended my grand opening celebration on May 21, 2005. I sincerely appreciate both the business and the warm welcome that you have given me.

A special thank-you goes out to a number of individuals and businesses for their support, including: Rick Covert, Dominic "Cook's Help" Evitts, Stephanie Fabinski, Travis Hadyniak, Derek Plave, Rick Rutherford, Justin "The Cook" Smathers, Roger Staten Jr. and the entire Staten family, Dave's & Company Barber Shop and Hair Salon, Romulus Hardware, all of the local business owners, and all of the local elected officials.

Finally, congratulations to Larry Nastal of Romulus, who was the lucky winner of the Sony PSP drawing at the grand opening celebration.

Jamie Harris

Citizens Need To Wake Up

To the Editor:

It is astounding to me, at only 22 years of age, what is happening in the city that I remember so well; the city where my family lives and has played such a prominent role in its history.

The City of Romulus is a city like no other in this country. From my home in Florida, I have taken visitors there, and some were taken aback by the lack of, well, everything in the city.

Let's get to the issue of whether to elect or re-elect a mayor or city official. In the past four years, promises were

made, and there have been accomplishments for which the current administration has taken credit. Look at what is called "downtown Romulus." ... Why should that be a source of happiness? It seems that everyone is just happy to settle for having an adult entertainment facility in the heart of downtown. It's okay with the citizens to have buildings that are unoccupied, or simply look in terrible shape? It has been the same way for years and years. Strides have been made, yes, but those strides are so small that they shouldn't even be news. Streetlights are put up from Five Points to Wayne Road – wonderful. Subway has moved in next to the Oil Change facility on Wayne and Goddard – again, wonderful. In the surrounding communities, these "events" would not even be noteworthy.

The citizens of Romulus need to get up and participate in their community, or Romulus will never change! Ask the current administration what happened with former Public Relations director Steve Jones and his relationship to the current Economic Development director, Tim Keyes. Why does Romulus need a Public Relations director? What happened to the City's new Website that, after four years of "construction," is again under construction? Wasted money and wasted time. What is the current status of the vehicle(s) that the mayor is able to have with taxpayer money? There are so many issues that could be questioned, I could go on forever – but that should be left to the people who are being represented by the current administration.

Look around you at the communities that are flourishing, and at what they are doing correctly to permit that flourishing to occur. If you have traveled outside of the city or state, look at communities around our great nation. Homes are going up right and left, the value of homes and land is going through the roof, and commercial investment happens every day – yet, here it is, 2005, and the City of Romulus, home of Detroit Metropolitan Airport, has nothing to say for itself, and nothing to hear except the words of its leaders as they argue back and forth about qualifications. Let's hear someone say something about the quality of life, commercial development ... anything that will improve the city. Nothing is said and nothing ever has been.

Come this November, all Romulus voters need to turn out and make their voices heard by electing a person who will take a stand, go his/her own way, and make Romulus into what other areas are or are coming to be: a great place to live, work, and play.

Ryan E. Block
Naples, FL

Mayor Lambert Criticized

To the Editor:

One of the hallmarks of our way of government is the chance to seek public office when one sees that the manner in which the government is being operated does not sit well with the people. Here in Romulus, we are witnessing an administration afraid of the possibility of defending its actions over the last three and a half years.

Soon after his election, Mayor Alan Lambert hired a public relations man, Steve Jones, to "extol" his virtues. In a "Guest Commentary" that Mr. Jones wrote for the September 20, 2002 issue of *The Romulus News*, he compared Mayor Lambert to the now embattled mayor of Detroit, Kwame Kilpatrick, for his style and such. Was this an insight into what was to come? Certainly, as far as arrogance is concerned, our mayor wins hands down, in my opinion.

While our soldiers are giving their lives to defend our way of life, what does our mayor do as his first shot at his potential opponent in the City's fall election?

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Romulus, Michigan

The Romulus Class of 2005 Rocks!

Congratulations, Romulus graduates, on your many achievements. Remember: This is only the beginning! Work hard, follow your dreams, and you can achieve success. If you're at City Hall, stop in and say "hi," or if there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.

Best Wishes,

Mayor Alan R. Lambert, City of Romulus

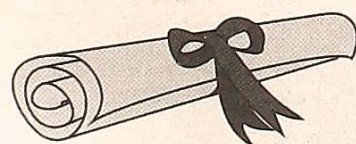


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Guest Commentary

Racetrack Will Bring Jobs, People, Money

By Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert

It's been about a year and a half since the voters of this great city approved the development of a racetrack during a special election. Since that time, my administration has made it a priority to do everything possible to make your decision a reality. I am proud to say that we have accomplished that goal.

Two weeks ago — at a press conference held by acting Racing Commissioner Christine C. White, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, and myself — it was announced that the State of Michigan granted the only available racetrack license to Magna Entertainment Corporation for the Michigan Downs Racetrack in Romulus.

As I stated during that press conference, the issuance of this license means that great things are about to happen in Romulus. I believe that this new, world-class facility will act as a catalyst for our community in more ways than one. The development of Michigan Downs will create more than 1,000 new jobs in the City of Romulus and Wayne County. The facility will sit on more than 200 acres near Vining Road and I-94, an area that is quickly becoming Michigan's golden corridor for new development. It will also mean the potential for millions of new tax dollars to our community.

I can't even begin to tell you of the calls we have received from other developers and national chains looking to build in Romulus because they view our city as one of the fastest-growing destination spots in Michigan. We will continue to work with quality businesses to bring well-planned development, jobs, and new tax base to Romulus.

Friends, our community is growing, and growing fast! My administration will continue to work hard to ensure that new development is of the highest quality for our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our residents for their patience while we worked so diligently through the process of bringing Michigan Downs to Romulus. I would also like to thank all of my staff for working countless hours, dissecting every detail of this racetrack to make sure that it is the world-class facility that the residents of Romulus deserve. I would also like to recognize all of the local business organizations that supported this project from the beginning, including the Romulus Chamber of Commerce and the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber.

Four years ago, I promised you that I would change this city for the better. I promised that I would bring in new development, and that's a promise I have delivered on many times in four short years. But it is not over yet; we are still working closely with Congressman John Dingell in Washington, D.C. to make a Romulus casino a reality.

This is just the beginning. We have so many new and exciting things happening in our community that the sky is the limit. I am so excited that Magna will finally be able to move ahead and get construction underway in our city as soon as possible. This new facility is going to bring thousands of people to our wonderful city each year, and give us the opportunity to show everybody in the state of Michigan and across the country why Romulus is such a great place to live, work, and raise a family. □

4 Lieutenant Firefighters Sworn In



Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert (left) joined Public Safety Director Charles Kirby (second from right) and Fire Chief David Allison (right) to congratulate (from left) Michael Wojtylko, John Thiede, Scott Ladach, and Douglas Rowe on their promotion to the rank of lieutenant firefighter. The swearing-in ceremony was held on Thursday, May 26, at City Hall.

The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Bryan Cozzaglio for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity during the period of Monday, May 16, through Sunday, May 29, 2005. (Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Monday, May 16

- 12:34 a.m. – Malicious Destruction of Property (MDOP) (block of 7780 Merriman)
- 1:33 a.m. – Drug-related Activity/ Investigation (Violation of Public Health Code, or VPHC) (block of 5800 Inkster)
- 4:46 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 9950 Wayne)
- 6:13 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6030 Frederic)
- 8:17 a.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 31400 Van Born)
- 8:39 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6720 Metroplex)
- 11:46 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6360 Hyde Park)
- 1:55 p.m. – MDOP (block of 28400 Halecreek)
- 7:28 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/ Runaway (JC/R) (block of 15300 Merriman)
- 11:00 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 11000 Grover)

Tuesday, May 17

- 12:40 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 5:15 a.m. – Stolen Vehicle (Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile, or UDAA) (block of 35400 N. Alexander)
- 7:12 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6190 Dexter)
- 7:43 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6770 Metroplex)
- 10:38 a.m. – Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 10:50 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:58 p.m. – Threats (block of 36700 Grant)
- 3:59 p.m. – Larceny (block of 28600 N. Maple)
- 5:16 p.m. – Threats (block of 5860 Essex)
- 6:41 p.m. – JC/R (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 8:13 p.m. – JC/R (block of 7180 Dodge)
- 10:56 p.m. – OUIL (block of 27400 Wick)

Wednesday, May 18

- 12:34 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5860 Panam)

- 1:07 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9710 Lisa)
- 5:22 a.m. – Panic Alarm (block of 36600 Grant)
- 8:44 a.m. – Larceny (block of 29100 Ecorse)
- 8:45 a.m. – K-9 Call (block of 500 W. Columbia)
- 9:52 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6950 Niagara)
- 1:40 p.m. – UDAA (block of 38800 Tempe)
- 3:08 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 8:06 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 29000 River Oak)
- 10:23 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15100 Mountain Way)
- 11:07 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 28400 Leroy)

Thursday, May 19

- 8:46 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 30500 Halecreek)
- 11:31 a.m. – JC/R (block of 37300 Wick)
- 12:03 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:10 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30600 Redwood)
- 12:34 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28800 Burning Tree Place)
- 1:42 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:52 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 4:23 p.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (block of 6870 Niagara)
- 7:14 p.m. – A&B (block of 15800 Sandburg)
- 9:37 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 15300 Meadow)
- 11:33 p.m. – OUIL (block of 29400 Pennsylvania)

Friday, May 20

- 1:11 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 6940 Carson)
- 3:11 a.m. – Missing Person (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 10:01 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 30300 Ecorse)
- 11:35 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9790 Lisa)
- 2:12 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E) (block of 6420 Dexter)
- 10:34 p.m. – Rescue (block of 6800 Niagara)
- 11:13 p.m. – B&E (block of 28600 Northline)
- 11:19 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 13000 Huron River Dr.)

Saturday, May 21

- 12:06 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 35700 Beverly)
- 3:53 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 6810 Ball)
- 5:43 a.m. – B&E (block of 15500 Harrison)
- 9:26 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:21 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6950 Niagara)
- 7:11 p.m. – JC/R (block of 32600 Gateway Dr.)
- 11:03 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 15500 Brandt)
- 11:10 p.m. – Larceny (block of 31800 Smith)
- 11:31 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 15300 Meadow)

Sunday, May 22

- 12:01 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 12:21 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30200 Jamestown)
- 12:29 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 31800 Smith)
- 1:07 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30400 Ecorse)

- 1:25 a.m. – OUIL (block of 29100 Wick)
- 2:51 a.m. – Fight (block of 29300 Airport Dr.)
- 3:38 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 28500 N. Maple)
- 6:14 a.m. – B&E (block of 7080 Wayne)
- 9:03 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 12:56 p.m. – B&E (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 1:48 p.m. – Overdose (block of 31800 Wick)
- 8:20 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 11:14 p.m. – MDOP (block of 31800 Ecorse)

Monday, May 23

- 11:22 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 9150 Inkster)
- 4:42 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7970 Fallow Ct.)
- 5:17 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 5860 Panam)
- 7:35 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15400 Orchard)
- 8:20 p.m. – Larceny (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 10:37 p.m. – Robbery (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 11:14 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28000 Leroy)

Tuesday, May 24

- 9:06 a.m. – Missing Person (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:17 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 9240 Essex)
- 11:56 a.m. – UDAA (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:45 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 39300 Wade)
- 7:43 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 35400 Goddard)
- 8:32 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9770 Wayne)

Wednesday, May 25

- 1:43 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5880 Metro)
- 4:40 a.m. – OUIL (block of 29400 I-94W)
- 9:56 a.m. – MDOP (block of 5980 Esther)
- 10:44 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 8210 Merriman)
- 11:50 a.m. – Robbery (block of 9950 Wayne)
- 3:52 p.m. – UDAA (block of 15500 Inkster)
- 4:57 p.m. – Threats (block of 14300 Harrison)
- 5:45 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 14300 Harrison)

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Sunday School: 9:30 am

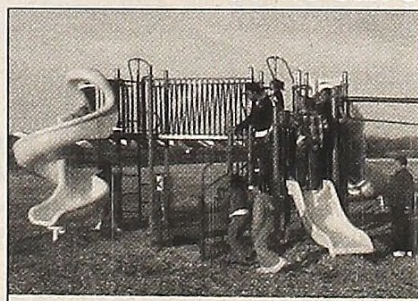
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

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Students enjoying Youth Night at the PEN

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Adkins Is New Principal at Romulus Middle School

The Romulus Board of Education has appointed Phyllis Adkins as the new principal at Romulus Middle School. She will replace current principal Mel Kimbrough, who will retire on June 30.

Adkins, who has been the principal at Cory Elementary School since 1991, began her career in the Romulus Community Schools as a Special Education helping teacher at Beverly Elementary in 1975. She continued with assignments at Barth, Cory, and Halecreek elementaries before moving to Romulus High School in 1984.

Principal Adkins, who developed many outstanding programs during her years at Cory Elementary, was recognized with the Milken Foundation's Excellence in Education Award in 1995 in recognition of her efforts to inspire students to excel. Receipt of the prestigious \$25,000 award is a real honor, since it is given to only four educators from each state in any given year.

Adkins' additional work on behalf of the district has included several years of service as the chairperson for the School-Community Committee. In that capacity, she has helped to bring about improvements in the School Compact that resulted in more than 1,500 parents donating over 10,000 hours of volunteer time to Romulus schools. Her committee also developed a special video presentation for new Romulus parents, and encouraged each of the district's schools to join the national Parenting Partnership Network.



Phyllis Adkins

Principal Adkins has enjoyed the support of a very active community at Cory Elementary. Her programs for special events such as "Grandparents' Day" and African-American history celebrations, as well as numerous student award assemblies, have been attended by consistently large crowds.

Adkins takes pride in the "Principal's Reading Initiative" that she developed to encourage students to read all year long. She has formed partnerships with the River of Life Church and RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) to gather and distribute reading materials throughout her community. She also developed a mentoring program – called "A Few Good Men" – to bring positive role models from the community into the schools to act as tutors and counselors. □

City's Rec, Senior Programs Relocate During Construction

The City of Romulus Senior Citizens Center and Recreation Department have been relocated.

The Senior Center has made a temporary move to Romulus Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga) to make way for construction of the City's new senior-citizens' facility at the site of the existing building (36515 Bibbins). Once construction of the new senior center is complete, the old structure will be removed, and senior programs will be held in the new building. A grand opening is planned for fall.

The Recreation Department also moved to its new location (35765 Northline, at Wayne Road), a building that was recently purchased through the City's Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA). The structure will be renovated into a new recreation center complete with fitness center, aquatics area, and expanded indoor and outdoor recreation facilities.

Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert

commented on the move:

"We are asking our residents to be patient during this construction phase," he noted. "Once construction is complete, our community will finally have a new state-of-the-art recreation center and a much-deserved senior-citizens' center. For too many years, these departments have had to share inadequate space in an inefficient building. Soon, they will have new and separate quality facilities."

Currently, senior citizens living in the Romulus Towers and Whispering Willows apartments can take advantage of transportation service to and from the temporary senior center at Progressive Hall for hot lunches and various other activities. For transportation schedules, or for further information regarding the Romulus Senior Center's programs, call 734-955-4120.

For more information about recreation programs offered by the City of Romulus, call 734-942-6852. □

Knight Is New Principal at Halecreek Elementary School



Kellie Knight

The Romulus Board of Education has appointed Kellie Knight as the new principal at Halecreek Elementary School. She will replace Sharon Silveri, who will retire on June 30.

Knight, a 1984 graduate of Romulus High School, switched to education after a business career in the corporate training offices of the Red Lobster restaurant chain. In 1998, she began working in the Romulus Community Schools as a seventh-grade geography and social-studies teacher at Romulus Middle School.

Knight quickly established herself as an instructional leader by co-chairing the School Improvement Team and the school's North Central Association (NCA) team, in addition to serving as the head of the Social Studies Department. She was also an important member of the Principal's Cabinet, a group of teachers who helped establish educational goals for each school year.

In 2000, Knight went to Romulus High School as an American history teacher. There, she developed a very strong Social Studies Olympiad team that won three consecutive state championships in the Marathon event, which requires a group of students to conduct an extensive community-service project. A panel of judges selected her RHS team as first-place winners at three straight state Social Studies Olympiad competitions. Knight was also selected as the 2002 "Michigan Teacher of the Year" by the American Legion for her outstanding Olympiad work.

Knight has served as an after-school tutor at both the middle- and high-school levels.

While at RHS, she additionally served as the varsity softball coach, leading the Lady Eagles to several successful seasons. □

Barth Celebrates Blue Ribbon

On May 18, Barth Elementary School celebrated its Michigan Department of Education "Blue Ribbon Award" with a special ceremony attended by many parents as well as local, regional, and state education officials.

"The program was a memorable occasion for the school, school district, and community," noted Dick Kruse, spokesperson for the Romulus Community Schools. "Barth is the first school in Romulus ever to achieve this prestigious award, and was one of only 32 schools out of 3,800 in Michigan to earn the Blue Ribbon Award in 2005."

Kruse reported that the celebratory program featured many commemorative performances, including a patriotic medley, a rhythm routine, a student presentation about the meaning of the "Pledge of Allegiance," and stories about why Barth won the Blue Ribbon Award, as well as special "meaning of the Blue Ribbon" presentations.

Dr. Jeremy M. Hughes, interim superintendent of the Michigan Department of Education, was among those who attended the Blue Ribbon program. His speech included many complimentary remarks.

"If I still had children in elementary school, I would love to send them to Barth Elementary," he stated.

Romulus Superintendent of Schools Joel R. Carr gave an address welcoming all the students, families, and dignitaries who attended the celebration. He commended principal Diane Golka, Blue Ribbon Committee chairperson Gerilynn Kline, and the staff, students, and parents who helped Barth attain its historic achievement.

Mayor Alan R. Lambert presented a City of Romulus resolution that praised Barth's achievements and designated Wednesday, May 18, as "Barth School Day." Amanda D'Angelo, assistant to State Senator Raymond Basham, presented a plaque that recognized the outstanding achievements of Barth Elementary School. Barth parent coordinator Theresa Beard thanked the parents for their many hours of volunteer time.

Principal Diane Golka also expressed her appreciation, saying, "The staff and students of Barth Elementary would like to thank everyone who has participated in our partnership of learning. The commitment of the Romulus Board of Education and administration in supporting excellence in education has set the foundation for Barth to achieve this award. The community of Romulus has been unfailing in its support of exemplary education."

For photos, please see page 7. □

The Police Blotter

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- 7:51 p.m. – A&B (block of 30600 Eureka)
- 7:55 p.m. – Larceny (block of 28400 Halecreek)
- 8:06 p.m. – Fight (block of 16200 Harrison)
- 9:32 p.m. – Larceny (block of 13100 Cogswell)
- 10:22 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 35500 Margaret)
- 10:39 p.m. – JC/R (block of 28700 Beverly)
- 10:54 p.m. – Fight (block of 8300 Whitehorn)

Thursday, May 26

- 12:47 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 5940 W. Maple)
- 6:42 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 6:50 a.m. – Larceny (block of 5850 Airborne)
- 7:48 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 11:14 a.m. – B&E (block of 14800 Hannan)
- 2:52 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6050 Georgia)
- 4:05 p.m. – B&E (block of 35500 Wick)
- 8:48 p.m. – A&B (block of 28500 N. Maple)
- 10:09 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Plain Way)
- 10:57 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15300 Meadow)
- 11:44 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15700 Anthony)

Friday, May 27

- 12:12 a.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 31200 Ecorse)
- 12:23 a.m. – Overdose (block of 5890 Georgia)
- 4:02 a.m. – UDAA (block of 7070 Middlebelt)
- 5:28 a.m. – Larceny (block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 8:41 a.m. – B&E (block of 28800 Hildebrandt)
- 10:36 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6750 Merriman)
- 9:14 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 39000 Chase)
- 9:41 p.m. – JC/R (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 10:38 p.m. – OUIL (block of 27300 S. River St.)

Saturday, May 28

- 12:32 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 12:40 a.m. – OUIL (block of 37400 Northline)
- 2:20 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 33400 Smith)
- 3:27 p.m. – Larceny (block of 7030 Carson)
- 10:29 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 36400 Goddard)
- 11:00 p.m. – Threats (block of 27400 Eureka)
- 11:08 p.m. – Harassment Complaint

- (block of 8450 Merriman)
- 11:21 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6740 Merriman)
- 11:26 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 7980 Fallow Ct.)
- 11:29 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 15700 Harrison)
- 11:35 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35200 Michelle)
- 11:57 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 6760 Merriman)
- 11:58 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30600 Redwood)

Sunday, May 29

- 1:56 a.m. – OUIL (block of 7100 Merriman)
- 2:04 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 8270 Wickham)
- 2:15 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 36400 Goddard)
- 2:23 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 5:55 a.m. – UDAA (block of 5990 Metro)
- 12:47 p.m. – Larceny (block of 11100 Grover)
- 9:00 p.m. – B&E (block of 39300 Pueblo)
- 9:06 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 29200 Whisper Ct.)
- 10:46 p.m. – Mutual Aid Response (block of 39400 I-94E)
- 11:21 p.m. – JC/R (block of 6750 Merriman) □

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Barth Blue Ribbon



Welcoming Dr. Jeremy M. Hughes (center), interim superintendent of the Michigan Department of Education, to Barth Elementary School's recent Blue Ribbon Award ceremony were Romulus Community Schools officials (from left) Bill Routhier (Business and Operations director), Edward Clark (Human Resources director), Joel R. Carr (superintendent), and Ken Mientkiewicz (treasurer, Board of Education).



(From left) Dr. Hughes presented the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award to Barth fifth-grade teacher Gerilynn Kline and principal Diane Golka ...



A presentation by Barth kindergartners gave special meaning to each of the letters in the words "blue ribbon."



... and Kline was proud to hold it up for all to see.



Third-grader Alexa Snyder introduced the mayor, Alan R. Lambert.



(Front, from left) Students Daja Lucas, Tyler Garland, India Fizer, and Sarah Bossidis helped Dr. Hughes (back) with a demonstration that illustrated the rarity of Blue Ribbon awards.



Also among the outstanding presenters at the Barth Blue Ribbon ceremony were: (from left) front – Miranda Moffat, Sarah Wadsworth, Brendon Beyers, and Megan Hines; back – Katrina Bunyak, Dayna Hearod, Steven Honeycutt, Quincy Hubert, and Alexandria Moore.

Letters to the Editor

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tion but attack her by character assassination, claiming that she has no business running for mayor because she has no experience. That certainly is absolutely hilarious. Since then, he has set his attack dogs to writing letters to question his opponent's qualifications.

Those of us who have been residents of Romulus know Mr. Mayor very well. To even begin this tactic is certainly a questionable move on his part. As a former city councilman, the mayor, when he did show up for a council meeting, was a mere "yes" vote for the administration at that time. Our current mayor cannot name one thing he did to improve the quality of life in Romulus, whereas other members of the council were working diligently to bring a better life to Romulus citizens.

In the May 6, 2005 issue of this paper, Todd Hauter responded to one of my previous letters (April 8, 2005), which was, in turn, a response to a letter from Theresa Huckno (March 25, 2005) that attacked Mayor Lambert's potential opponent, Councilwoman Debbie Romak. Mr. Hauter defended the fact that Mayor Lambert never received a promotion during his 14 years with the Romulus Police Department, arguing that the potential for advancement was limited due to the department's small size. Who is kidding who? The RPD was formed in the early 1980s, and has continued to grow since then. While our current mayor remained a patrolman, other officers were continually promoted, even those officers hired *after* his initial hiring. It is laughable to say that Mr. Mayor had no chance for advancement.

Let us also examine another statement that was made in that letter. Mr. Hauter claims that Romulus has never seen such growth as there has been under this administration. Well, the facts are pretty clear: most of the development that has transpired was set in motion years ago, under the Oakley administration. It is a fact that can easily be checked out. The new homes of the Commons, Farms, Gateway, and Avalon were started by former Mayor William Oakley, as were the new townhouses and homes on Pennsylvania, east of Middlebelt. This is only a starting point to counter the writers' claims. If anything, Romulus has not fared well under the current mayor, losing jobs with the closing of the Lear plant off of Eureka.

Mr. Hauter's letter further states that it will be great to lose Ms. Romak from the council, since she is seeking the mayoral post. The opposite is true. For nearly 10 years now, Ms. Romak has been a voice of the people. She, at least, has the knowledge and intellect to answer questions posed at council meetings. Have you ever wondered, as I have, why the mayor *never* answers questions posed to him at council meet-

ings? He always deflects these inquiries from both council members and the public to department heads that he forces to be at the meetings. And this is a leader? This is a man who, as the mayor of this city, *cannot* answer even the simplest questions? It shows me, without a doubt, that he has absolutely *no* grasp of what this job entails! And, if you ever call City Hall to speak with him, you are transferred to his "administrative assistant" or, as they call it officially, his police officer-community liaison.

So when we, as residents, question Mr. Lambert's qualifications to be mayor, as he does to his opponent, you can understand why we want to know his background. Did he graduate from the police academy? Did he pass his tests? Community members challenge the mayor to acknowledge these questions.

Character is the key element for any public official. While Mr. Mayor cannot answer these important questions himself, but delegates these attacks on residents such as myself, one can only wonder why he, as mayor, does not exhibit this important quality.

In closing, Mr. Hauter, I would like you to know my late husband's retirement state: George Witzgall, retired USA-NGAF (32 years).

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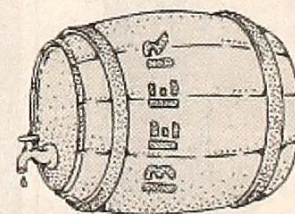
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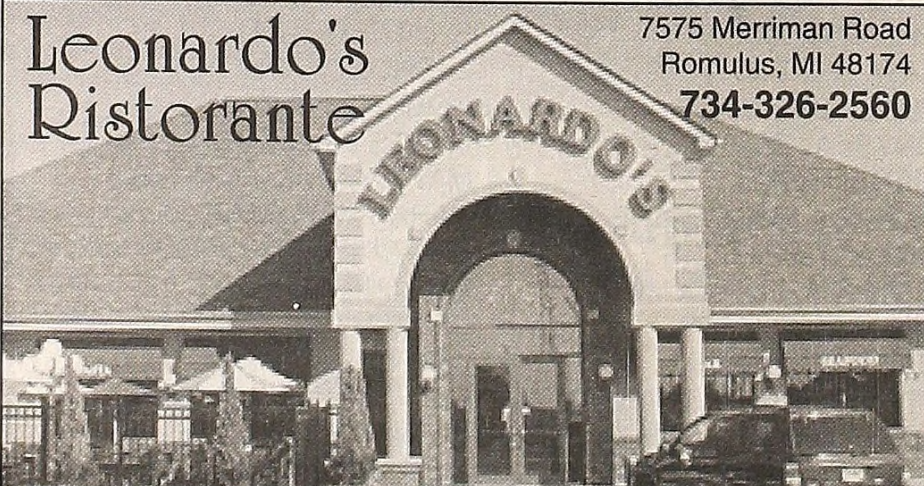
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"Awards Night" Honors Best and Brightest at RHS

Principal Dan Hurst welcomed more than 350 students and guests to Romulus High School's annual Awards Night program, held May 18, to honor the best and brightest from the Class of 2005.

Hurst said he was proud of this year's senior class, which included 11 students who achieved a four-year Principal's Honor Roll grade point average of 3.5 or higher, and an additional 32 who maintained a four-year Honor Roll GPA of 3.0 or above. He was also particularly impressed by the fact that, collectively, the class has already garnered \$700,000 in scholarships.

"We know that our students will continue to earn more scholarships in May and June, and we look forward to reaching the \$1-million mark," he added.

Among those whose academic excellence earned them money to further their education were the 42 students who qualified for a \$2,500 Michigan Merit Scholarship due to their performance on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), and the 16 Michigan Competitive Award recipients who were recognized for achieving excellent scores on the American College Test (ACT).

A number of community groups, businesses, and individuals donated well over \$20,000 in scholarships to help students with their post-secondary educational expenses. Among those acknowledged for their generosity were Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Public Service Credit Union, Romulus Arts Council, Romulus Association of School Administrators, Romulus Athletics Boosters, Romulus Education Association, Romulus Kiwanis, Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force, and Romulus Rotary. Also thanked were donors for scholarships in memory of Doug Allen, Robert Brock, Lorena Burton, Ray Kroc, Mikey Markus, and Aaron Tigner.

RHS staff members presented departmental awards to outstanding students in their respective disciplines.

Dinner was prepared by the RHS Culinary Arts Department under the direction of Charles Usztics, national Culinary Arts Teacher of the Year, and his assistant, Angelica Richardson.

Award recipients included:

"Brightest and Best"

- Ronald Brown

Presidential Academic Achievement Awards

Note: These students maintained a four-year GPA of 3.5 or above.

- Kristen Atchley
- Jazmine Bennett
- Ronald Brown
- Katie Hale
- Daniel Kinney
- Mallori Losacco
- Jessica Shelton
- Paulette Stanford

- Matthew Steffani
- Joann Tieppo
- Kimberly Wilson

Academic Honors Awards

Note: These students maintained a four-year GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Kristen Atchley
- Jazmine Bennett
- Tiffany Block
- Donald Brewer
- Ronald Brown
- Antoine Burrell
- Justin Chapman
- Chrystal Coleman
- Crystal Hahn
- Katie Hale
- Paris Hawkins
- Benjamin Hohman
- Janet Johnson
- Daniel Kinney
- Candace Lawrence
- Mallori Losacco
- Carolyn Moore
- Anjelique Moss
- Antoinette Nelson
- Jessica Obayan
- Michelle Patterson
- Dijon Piggee
- Malcolm Rhodes
- Philip Roscoe
- Megan Scott
- Lindsay Sharp
- Sawaira Sheikh
- Jessica Shelton
- Shauntia Simon
- Joshua Slaght
- Paul Stanford
- Paulette Stanford
- Matthew Steffani
- Travis Steinbrink
- Avery Stephenson
- Jamie Suiter
- Joann Tieppo
- Samuel Tilmon
- Natalie Watt
- Brytni White
- Dante Williams
- Kimberly Wilson
- LaShonda Windham

Phi Beta Kappa Awards for Academic Achievement

- Kristen Atchley
- Jazmine Bennett
- Ronald Brown
- Katie Hale
- Matthew Steffani

Departmental Awards

- Ummer Ahmad (marketing)
- Jazmine Bennett (band; biology; calculus; French; psychology)
- Kursha Bradford (culinary arts)
- Denice Brock (band)
- Ronald Brown (all-around science; calculus; physical education)
- Monika Burgess (business)
- Maurio Clark (band)
- Chrystal Coleman (government)
- Jami Gibes (dance)
- Crystal Hahn (accounting)
- Katie Hale (health occupations)
- Shamara Hill-Harris (band)



Romulus Community Schools Board of Education secretary Celeste Roscoe (back, fourth from left), treasurer Ken Mientkiewicz (front, left), and trustees Betty Lenossi and Tom Kuderik (front, center and right) joined Romulus High School staff members (back, from left) Liza Mockeridge, Ellen Bragg, Florence Satterlee, Dan Hurst (principal), and LaToya Shackelford to welcome over 350 Class of 2005 members and their parents to the high school's annual Senior Awards Night program.

- Stephanie Hindman (journalism)
- Benjamin Hohman (band)
- Emily Hornfeld (culinary arts)
- Jessica Hudgens (band)
- Alicia Johnson (marketing)
- Janet Johnson (Spanish)
- Devony Kelbassa (culinary arts)
- Carlos Kendrick (culinary arts)
- Daniel Kinney (English)
- Samantha Lipkowski (band)
- Mallori Losacco (band)
- Anjelique Moss (choir)
- Colleen Mumford (creative writing)
- Antoinette Nelson (health occupations)
- Erica Pace (band)
- Dijon Piggee (CAD)
- Malcolm Rhodes (robotics)
- Eric Rister (band)
- Megan Scott (life management)
- Lindsay Sharp (band)
- Jessica Shelton (swimming)
- Ashley Sibby (physical education)
- Monique Solomon (dance)
- Dwayne Starnes (automotive)
- Travis Steinbrink (culinary arts)
- Joann Tieppo (band; physics)
- Samuel Tilmon (culinary arts)
- Jason Valentine (band)
- Kelvin Valentine (CAD)
- Phillip Warren (dance)
- Kimberly Wilson (keyboarding)
- LaShonda Windham (band; social studies)

Romulus Kiwanis Co-op Awards

- Britney Alley (marketing)
- Kelly Bunyak (marketing)
- Tori Flemings (health occupations)
- Crystal Hahn (office)
- Devony Kelbassa (culinary arts)
- Jared Kozma (automotive)
- Travis Steinbrink (culinary arts)

Outstanding Work-based Learning (Internship) Awards

- Kristen Atchley
- Kymmila Blalark

U.S. Army Scholar-Athlete Awards

- Ronald Brown
- Katie Hale

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Romulus Community Schools central office administrators – including (front, from left) superintendent Joel R. Carr, Human Resources director Edward Clark, Curriculum director Tom Dolan, and Adult and Community Education director Bill Musham – enjoyed the annual awards dinner with presenters (back, from left) Rebecca Jones, Roger Kadau, Lynn Conway, Mayor Alan R. Lambert, Reverend William Kren, and RHS principal Dan Hurst. *More photos on pages 12 and 13.*

RHS Awards Night



On hand for Romulus High School's annual Senior Awards Night program were several members of the Class of 1968: (from left) Kary Lovette, Roger Kadau, Geraldine Tigner, and Edward Clark.



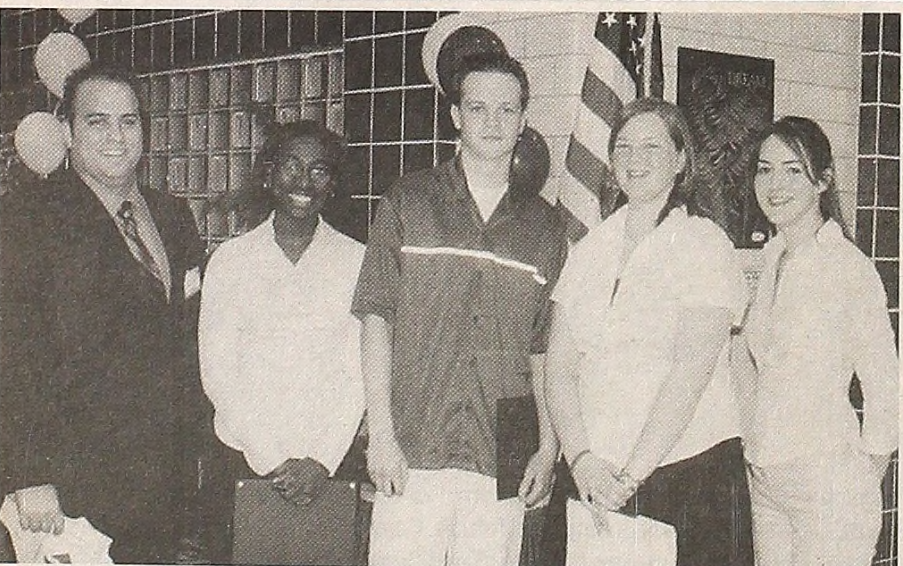
Roger Kadau (back, left) presented Kiwanis Vocational Education awards to: (from left) front – Tori Flemings, Britney Alley, Kristen Atchley, and Devony Kelbassa; back – Kelly Bunyak, Crystal Hahn, and Jared Kozma.



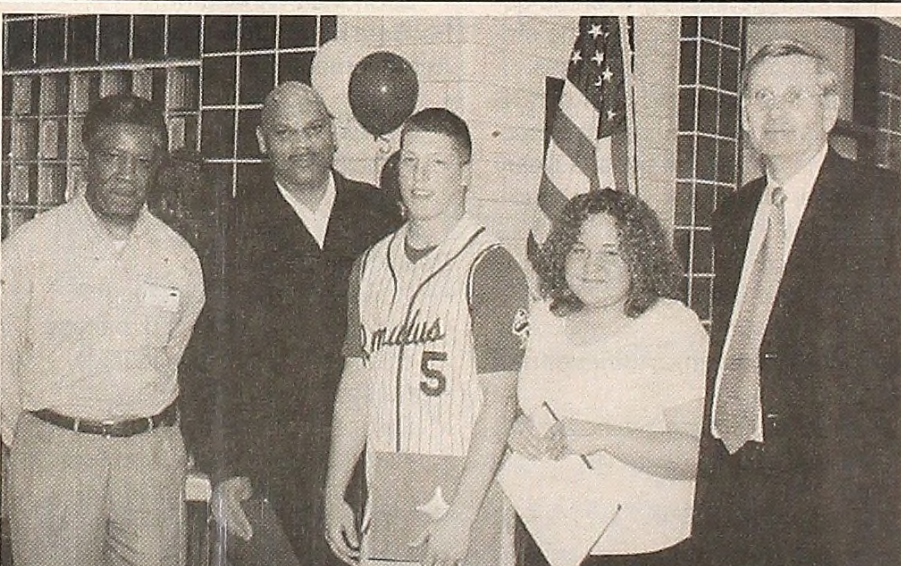
(From left) RHS Choir Director Marva Hopewell presented \$1,000 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority scholarships to Shauntya Simon, Jazmine Bennett, and Paulette Stanford.



RHS band director Henry James (right) presented \$450 Doug Allen Memorial scholarships for music study to (from left) Jason Valentine and Mallori Losacco.



(From left) Romulus Education Association president Jason Salhaney presented \$500 scholarships to Candace Lawrence and Benjamin Hohman, and Lindsay Sharp received the \$500 Mikey Markus Memorial Scholarship from former RHS valedictorian Andrea Deline.

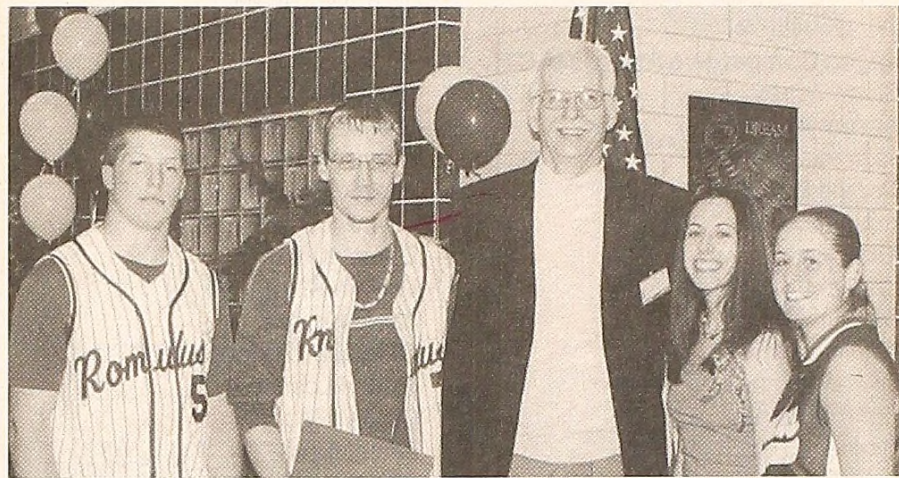


Kary Lovette (left) presented a \$1,000 Lorena Burton Memorial Scholarship to LaShonda Windham (second from right), and Bill Musham (right) presented RASA scholarships of \$750 each to Philip Roscoe (center) and Brett Kinney (who accepted the award for his son, Daniel Kinney).

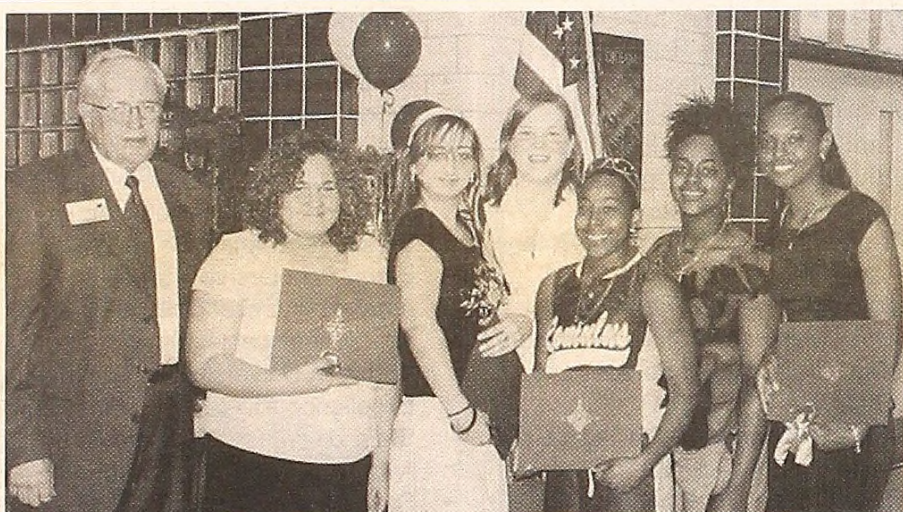
RHS Awards Night



(From left) Carol Brock presented the \$500 Robert Brock Memorial Health-care Award to Antoinette Nelson, and Anitra Glimps received the \$1,000 Aaron Tigner Memorial Award from Geraldine Tigner.



Ron Dick (center), president of the Romulus Athletics Boosters, presented scholarships to (from left) Philip Roscoe (\$250), Ronald Brown (\$500), Jazmine Bennett (\$500), and Katie Hale (\$250).



Ron Hopson presented \$1,000 Romulus Rotary scholarships to LaShonda Windham and Mallori Losacco (left) and Brytni White and Janet Johnson (right), and \$500 vocational scholarships to Lindsay Sharp and Kenise Thompson (center).



(From left) Malcolm Rhodes and Philip Roscoe each received a \$500 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship from Helena Williams, and Lynn Conway presented the \$1,000 Romulus Arts Council Scholarship to Shauntya Simon.



Philip Roscoe received the \$1,000 Public Credit Union Scholarship from Rebecca Jones. Roscoe also received a \$1,000 President's Volunteer Service Award.



Mayor Alan R. Lambert (right) and Reverend William Kren (left) presented Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force scholarships to Antoinette Nelson (\$1,000) and Benjamin Hohman (\$500).

"Senior Awards Night" Honors Best and Brightest at Romulus High School

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WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 Scholar-Athlete Awards

- Philip Roscoe
- Avery Stephenson

Perfect Attendance Awards

- Justin Chapman
- Porsche Laster

Michigan Competitive Awards (ACT)

- Bryan Ashby
- Kristen Atchley
- Jazmine Bennett
- Donald Brewer
- Ronald Brown
- Katie Hale
- Candace Lawrence
- Carolyn Moore
- Anjelique Moss
- Michelle Patterson
- Philip Roscoe
- Lindsay Sharp
- Sawaira Sheikh
- Jessica Shelton
- Paulette Stanford
- Joann Tieppo

Michigan Merit Awards (\$2,500)

- Bryan Ashby
- Kristen Atchley
- Robert Bedder
- Jazmine Bennett

- Alicia Bracy
- Donald Brewer
- Ronald Brown
- Justin Chapman
- Chrystal Coleman
- Ryan Cordle
- Jeremiah Cross
- Crystal Hahn
- Katie Hale
- Paris Hawkins
- Benjamin Hohman
- Audra Howard
- Janet Johnson
- Lawrence Johnson
- Daniel Kinney
- William Kolar
- Jared Kozma
- Candace Lawrence
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- Carolyn Moore
- Leah Moore
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- Michelle Patterson
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- Lindsay Sharp
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- Alecia Walls
- Natalie Watt
- William Williams
- LaShonda Windham

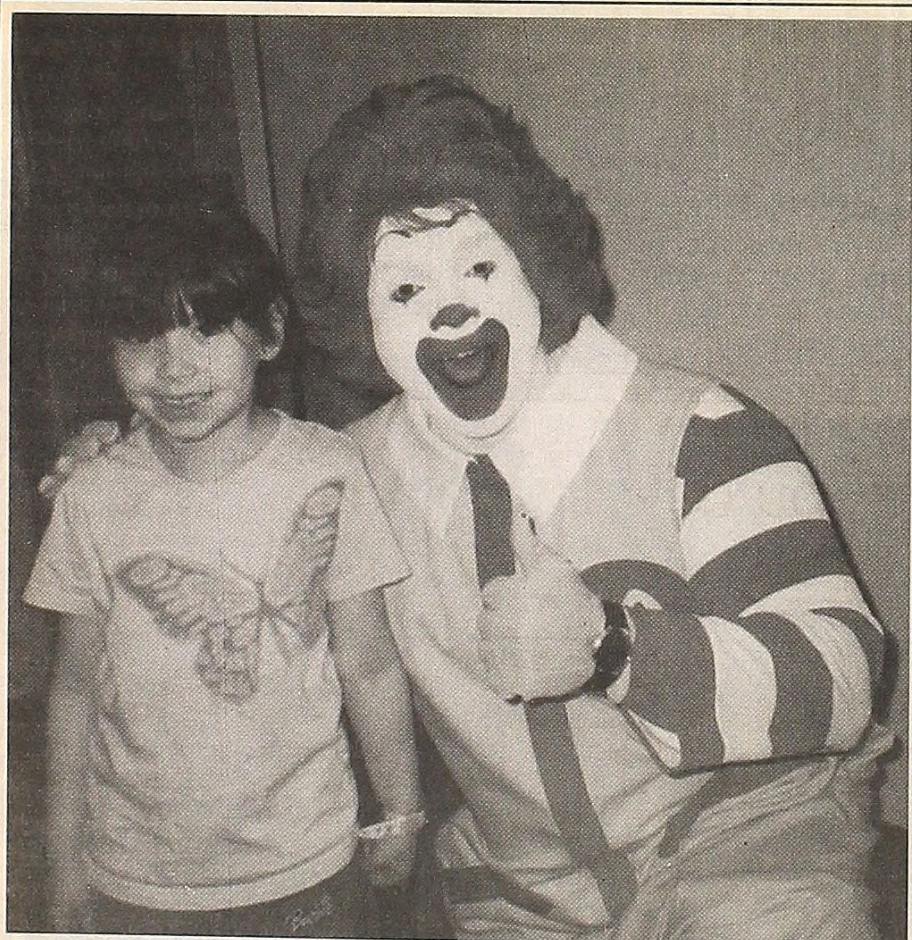
President's Volunteer Service Award

- Philip Roscoe (\$1,000)

Local Scholarships/Awards

- Jazmine Bennett (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority – \$1,000; Romulus Athletics Boosters – \$500)
- Ronald Brown (Romulus Athletics Boosters – \$500)
- Anitra Glimps (Aaron Tigner Memorial – \$1,000)
- Katie Hale (Romulus Athletics Boosters – \$250)
- Benjamin Hohman (Romulus Education Association – \$500; Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force – \$500)
- Janet Johnson (Romulus Rotary – \$1,000)
- Daniel Kinney (Ray Kroc Memorial – \$500 or \$1,000; Romulus Association of School Administrators – \$750)
- Candace Lawrence (Romulus Education Association – \$500)
- Mallori Losacco (Doug Allen Memorial – \$450; Romulus Rotary – \$1,000)
- Antoinette Nelson (Robert C. Brock Memorial – \$500; Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force – \$1,000)
- Malcolm Rhodes (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority – \$500)
- Philip Roscoe (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority – \$500; Public Service Credit Union – \$1,000; Romulus Association of School Administrators – \$750; Romulus Athletics Boosters – \$250)
- Lindsay Sharp (Mikey Markus Memorial – \$500; Romulus Rotary – \$500)
- Shauntia Simon (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority – \$1,000; Romulus Arts Council – \$1,000)
- Paulette Stanford (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority – \$1,000)
- Kenise Thompson (Romulus Rotary – \$500)
- Jason Valentine (Doug Allen Memorial – \$450)
- Brytni White (Romulus Rotary – \$1,000)
- LaShonda Windham (Lorena Burton Memorial – \$1,000; Romulus Rotary – \$1,000)
- Ronald Brown (Eastern Michigan University Regents Scholarship – \$10,400/4 years; Kettering University President's Scholarship – \$40,000/4 years; Siena Heights University Academic Scholarship – \$32,000/4 years; University of Michigan–Dearborn Scholarship – \$15,000/5 years; Wayne State University College of Education Award – \$2,000/4 years; Wayne State University Honors Program Award – \$23,400/4 years)
- Monica Cox-Jones (Grambling State University Ambassador Out-of-state Fee Waiver Scholarship – \$21,000/4 years)
- Jami Gibes (Henry Ford Community College Silver Scholars Scholarship)
- Katie Hale (Eastern Michigan University Regents Scholarship – \$10,400/4 years)
- Paris Hawkins (Grambling State University Scholarship – full ride)
- Benjamin Hohman (Eastern Michigan University Provost Scholarship – \$1,800 renewable)
- Malcolm Rhodes (Albion College Briton Award – \$10,000 renewable)
- Philip Roscoe (Adrian College Scholarship – \$8,000 renewable; Ashland College Scholarship – \$7,000 renewable; Beliot College Eaton Scholarship – \$9,000 renewable; Beliot College Grant – \$6,250 renewable; Eastern Michigan University Recognition of Excellence Award – \$6,000; Tri-State Distinguished Resident Award – \$36,000)
- Sawaira Sheikh (University of Michigan–Dearborn Salutatorian Scholarship – \$10,000)
- Jessica Shelton (Eastern Michigan University Regents Scholarship – \$10,400/4 years)
- Ashley Sibby (Tennessee State University Scholarship – full ride)
- Shauntia Simon (Grand Valley State University Bert Price Scholarship – \$6,000 renewable)
- Jerret Smith (University of Michigan–Ann Arbor Scholarship – full ride)
- Matthew Steffani (Eastern Michigan University Regents Scholarship – \$10,400/4 years)
- Joann Tieppo (Eastern Michigan University Regents Scholarship – \$10,400/4 years)
- Natalie Watt (University of Michigan–Dearborn Academic Achievement Scholarship – \$1,000)
- Brytni White (Tiffin University Gift – \$5,500; Tiffin University Dean's Scholarship – \$5,500 renewable)
- Dante Williams (East Tennessee State University – full ride)
- Kimberly Wilson (Schoolcraft College Trustee Scholarship – \$1,400) □

Ronald McDonald Talks with Halecreek Students About the Importance of Books



Ronald McDonald recently visited Halecreek Elementary School to talk with kindergarten, first-grade, and second-grade students about the importance of reading. Ronald told youngsters like Samantha Wheatley that reading is fun, and showed them a few tricks that they can do with their books. He also gave the students tips for reading with "excitement" and caring for their books so that they'll provide many hours of reading pleasure.



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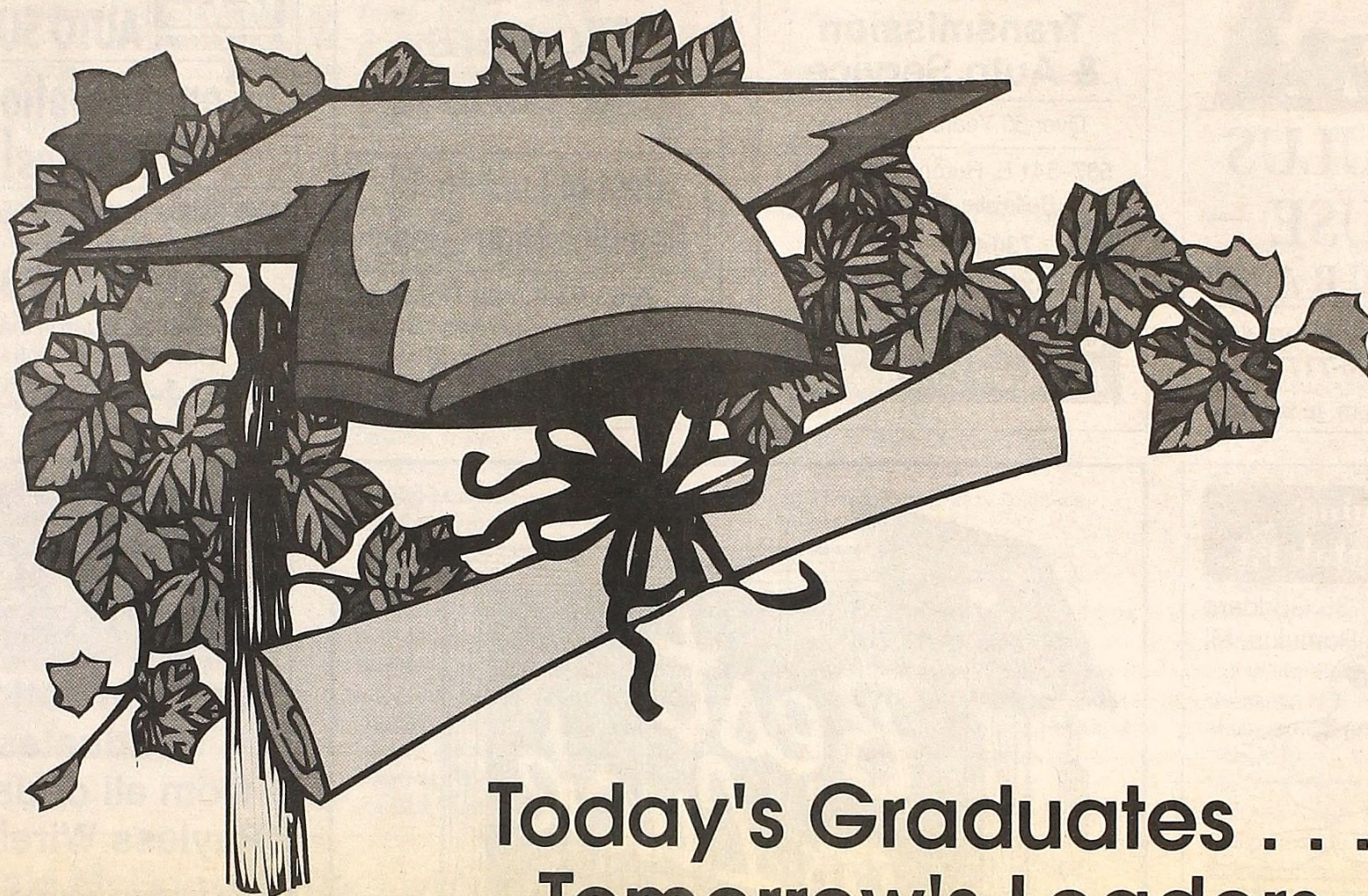
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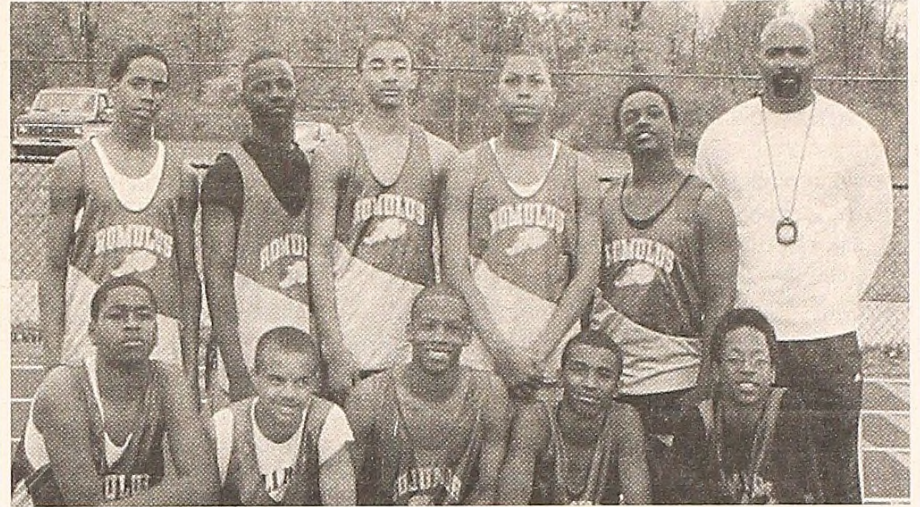
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RMS Spring Sports



Eighth-graders on the 6-2-1 Romulus Middle School baseball team included: (from left) front – Joshua Hill-Barnes, Sam Wells, Joshua Horne, and Kyle Huckestein; middle – DeAndre Brewer, Óndre Mathews-Griffin, Travis Griffin, and Taishawn Blackmon; back – Matthew Adams, Ross Hadyniak, Matthew Franklin, and Levi Adams.



Avery Taylor (back, right), coach of the 3-1 Romulus Middle School boys' track team, is proud of the efforts of his top performers, including: (from left) front – Quashon Carter, Ronald Kersey, Kevin Brown, Martel Smith, and Derrick White; back – Niko Scott, Valdez Green, Deandray Buckley, Derek Kinney, and Dane Snowball.



Amy Lusher (back, left), head coach of the 4-4-2 Romulus Middle School softball team, and her assistant, Andrea Jurk (back, right), had plenty of praise for their young players, including: (from left) front – Chance Dunigan, Emily Davis, Ashley Linne, Caitlynn Lefler, Ciara Turner, and Amber Sears; middle – Debra Schoolmaster, Rashae Pree, Miya McDonald, Tiara Green, Chelsea Hay, and Candace Poet; back – Leanne Dawson, Ashley Wagle, Sheila Reeves, Courtney Blakeney, and Erinanna Carter.



Vern Logan (back, right), coach of the 4-0 Romulus Middle School girls' track team, congratulated his star performers, including: (from left) front – Chantal Payne, Kanaya Williams, Brianna Grover, Brittany Lewis, and Sharonda Vesey; back – Brittany Charleston, Melissa Groce, Alise Whalen, Christina Gillespie, and Christienne Linton. The Lady Bulldogs' 4x100 team was composed of Payne, Lewis, Ciera Franklin, and Gillespie; their 4x200 team members were Payne, Grover, Linton, and Vesey.

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Woodson Honors Top Senior Athletes with Awards Brunch

In honor of the senior athletes at Romulus High School, Mark Woodson, director of the district's Athletics Department, organized an awards brunch at the Doubletree Hotel. More than 200 students and parents attended the event, which recognized more than 60 athletes.

Also acknowledged for their extra efforts on behalf of Romulus Community Schools athletics were Paula Smith, department secretary, as well as members of the Romulus Athletics Boosters.

University of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr, guest speaker for the event, encouraged and congratulated the young awardees, and also invited future Wolverines to stop by his office in the fall.

The student honorees included:

Four-year Varsity Athletics Awards

- Katie Hale (softball; tennis; volleyball)
- Ergys Hoxha (soccer)
- Janet Johnson (track)
- James Kendrick (track)
- Daniel Kinney (track)
- Jese Lowrey (soccer)
- Anthony Price (track)
- Philip Roscoe (wrestling)
- Ashley Sibby (basketball)
- Samuel Tilmon (track)

Senior Athletics Awards

- Ummer Ahmad (baseball)
- Janiece Armstrong (basketball)
- Shavon Bell (soccer)
- Jazmine Bennett (tennis)
- Kymmila Blalark (volleyball)
- Donald Brewer (football; track)
- Ronald Brown (baseball; golf)
- Antoine Burrell (basketball)
- Danielle Butler (fall and winter cheerleading)
- Justin Chapman (football; lacrosse; wrestling)
- Ebony Coleman (fall and winter cheerleading)
- Jeremiah Cross (baseball)
- Lamar Davis (football)
- Jason Gibson (basketball)
- Brendon Glenn (basketball)
- Kevin Hamilton (track)

- Paris Hawkins (basketball; basketball manager)
- Keith Haynes (baseball; golf)
- Shamara Hill-Harris (soccer)
- Justin Howington (baseball)
- Lucretia Johnson (fall and winter cheerleading)
- Eric Joplin (track)
- Carlos Kendrick (track)
- James Kendrick (football)
- Daniel Kinney (football)
- Candace Lawrence (basketball; basketball manager)
- Vanessa Malloy (fall cheerleading)
- Terrance McKay (football)
- Carolyn Moore (fall cheerleading; volleyball)
- Anjelique Moss (track)
- Eddie Northington (track)
- Jessica Obayan (soccer)
- Louis Perry (basketball; track)
- Anthony Price (basketball; football)
- Geryn Reese (basketball)
- Malcolm Rhodes (football)
- Eric Rister (baseball)
- Philip Roscoe (baseball; football)
- Crystal Scott (soccer)
- Jessica Shelton (fall and winter cheerleading)
- Jerret Smith (basketball)
- Monique Solomon (fall and winter cheerleading)
- Matthew Steffani (lacrosse)
- Avery Stephenson (basketball)
- Jamie Suiter (soccer)
- Dwight Talley (basketball)
- Jasmine Theriot (softball)
- Kenise Thompson (basketball; basketball manager; softball; volleyball)
- Samuel Tilmon (football)
- Jason Valentine (track)
- Kelvin Valentine (football; track)
- Adrian Watson (football; track)
- Brytni White (fall and winter cheerleading)
- Lashonda Whitehead (softball)
- Dante Williams (basketball)
- William Williams (baseball; golf)
- Brian Woods (football) □

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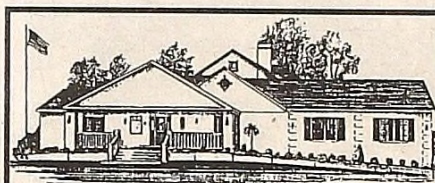
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Athletics Awards



Mark Woodson, Athletic Department director for the Romulus Community Schools, proudly showed off some of the awards he presented to Romulus High School's athletes at last month's awards brunch.



(From left) Athletic Department director Woodson welcomed University of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr, who was the guest speaker for the awards brunch.



Athletic Department secretary Paula Smith (left) and Sheila Woodson prepared their table with awards for Romulus High School senior athletes who maintained a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, thereby upholding a standard of excellence in the classroom as well as on the playing field.



(From left) Athletic Department director Woodson presented a plaque of appreciation to members of the Romulus Athletics Boosters, including Debbie DeMoisey, Ron Dick, David Jones, Cheryle Buckley, Bob DeMoisey, and Tom Haynes.



(From left) RHS tennis coach Kathleen Forrest, Board of Education trustee Betty Lenossi, tennis/volleyball/softball star Katie Hale, RHS baseball coach Damien Hull (whose team is currently in first place in the Mega Gold Division), and tennis star Jazmine Bennett all enjoyed the brunch, which was held at the Doubletree Hotel.



Congratulating Jennifer Slyman (center), RHS girls' softball coach, on her team's current first-place standing in the Mega Gold Division were members of the Board of Education, including (from left) president Cheryle Buckley, secretary Celeste Roscoe, trustee Niema White, and trustee Tom Kuderik.

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REGULAR MEETING, MAY 9, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, May 9, 2005, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Cheryl Buckley.

Roll call showed members Buckley, April Frayer, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Betty Lenossi, Niema White, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member Celeste Roscoe was excused. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Buckley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/05/1 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

5/05/2 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Lenossi to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 25, 2005, as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RESIGNATION: Connie Garza-Beyer, 5th-grade Teacher, Cory Elementary School, Last Day Worked – May 9, 2005.

5/05/3 Moved by Frayer supported by Kuderik to accept the resignation of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT: Phyllis Adkins, Principal, Middle School, Effective July 29, 2005.

5/05/4 Moved by Lenossi supported by White that the Board of Education accept the employment of Phyllis Adkins as Principal of Romulus Middle School for a 220-day contract, effective July 29, 2005. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT: Kellie Knight, Principal, Halecreek Elementary School, Effective August 8, 2005.

5/05/5 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer that the Board of Education accept the employment of Kellie Knight as Principal of Halecreek Elementary School for a 210-day contract, effective August 8, 2005. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FYI – EMPLOYMENT: Sharon Nelson, Bus Aide, Transportation, Effective April 20, 2005; and Kianna Wimberly, Latchkey/Child Care Giver, Wick/My Friends & Me, Effective May 4, 2005.

FYI – RESIGNATION: Fay Gordon, Latchkey/Child Care Giver, Romulus Elementary and My Friends & Me, Effective April 8, 2005.

RETIREMENT (all effective June 30, 2005): William Barnes, Industrial Technology, Romulus High School; Ronald Bayes, Language Arts, Romulus High School; Wendy Blohm, Learning Specialist, Cory Elementary School; Joyce Bujak, Mathematics Teacher, Romulus High School; Mary Ann Bush, Resource Room Teacher, Halecreek Elementary School; Vera Fields-Otis, 1st-grade Teacher, Wick Elementary School; Gretchen Firestone, Media Specialist, Romulus Middle School; Marjorie Gail Fraley, Art Teacher, Romulus Middle School and Romulus High School; Barbara Jaszcz, Literary Coach, Cory Elementary School; Christine Julvezan, Counselor, Romulus Middle School; Donald Kobane, Special Education Teacher, Romulus High School; Charles Kidwell, CSR Facilitator, Wick Elementary School; Cathleen Kudra, Kindergarten Teacher, Halecreek Elementary School; Howard Miller, Industrial Technology, Romulus Middle School; Kathryn Motyka, 3rd-grade Teacher, Barth Elementary School; Joseph Murphy, CSR Facilitator, Cory Elementary School; Nancy O'Connor, Art Teacher, Halecreek Elementary School, Merriman Elementary School, and Romulus Elementary School; Sam Olive, Psychologist, Romulus Middle School and Romulus High School; Margaret Olson, Learning Specialist, Wick Elementary School; Carol Pastrick, Mathematics Teacher, Romulus Middle School; Cynthia Price, 4th-grade Teacher, Cory Elementary School; Sandra Slater, 5th-grade Teacher, Romulus Elementary School; Laura Smith, Kindergarten Teacher, Merriman Elementary School; Thomas Tiplady, Special Education Teacher, Romulus High School; Candace Walter, Literary Coach, Halecreek Elementary School; and Phyllis Wilkerson, Life Management Teacher, Romulus High School.

5/05/6 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by White that the Board of Education accept the retirement of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of Schools, Central Office, Effective August 31, 2006; Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, Central Office, Effective August 31, 2007; Thomas Dolan, Director of Curriculum, Central Office, Effective August 31, 2007; Deborah Juriga, Principal, Wick Elementary School, Effective June 30, 2006; William Musham, Director of Adult & Community Education, Mt. Pleasant, Effective June 30, 2007; Mary Christine Powers, Assistant Principal, Romulus Middle School, Effective June 30, 2005; Jeffery Royal, Director of Special Education, Special Services, Effective June 30, 2006; Al Wilkerson, Director of Alternative Education, Alternative Middle/Community High School, Effective June 30, 2006.

5/05/7 Moved by White supported by Kuderik that the Board of Education accept retirement of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

5/05/8 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentation – Summer Athletics

Mr. Mark Woodson, Director of Athletics, introduced coaches and updated the Board of Education on athletic programs planned for spring and summer. Mr. Mientkiewicz asked about baseball uniforms, stating that uniforms should be "maroon and white" only, and that no gray should be in the uniforms.

Presentation – Senior Projects

Ms. Jaime Nelson appeared with High School students presenting senior projects. Keith Haynes, Romulus High School senior, spoke on his senior project, "Donate Life," and Crystal Nelson, Romulus High School senior, spoke on her project, "Deaf – Sign Language."

Nonunion Board of Education Office Employee Contract

5/05/9 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer that the Board of Education approve the following for nonunion board office employees: 2005–2006 school year – 1% July 1, 2005, \$10/\$20 prescription deductible, 1% January, 2006, Superintendent's amendment, Section H; and 2006–2007 school year – 1% July 1, 2006. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications and expressions from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) The Merriman Star; 2) Barth News; 3) Halecreek Elementary School Newsletter; 4) Why, What, and How of School Reform; 5) Romulus High School Newsletter; 6) 21st Century Learning Centers – Memo; 7) 40 Hours Community Service Requirement; 8) Thank You – Tom Gibb-Randall and Company; 9) K–16 Coalition for Michigan's Future; 10) Parent Coordinators/Volunteers Recognition Ceremony; 11) Romulus Elementary School – Monthly Newsletter – May/June 2005.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Betty Lenossi extended congratulations to Wick Elementary, Barth Elementary, Merriman Elementary, Romulus High School, and Community High School for winning Michigan Association of School Boards "Education Excellence" awards. Mrs. Cheryl Buckley added congratulations and announced awards as presented for Body Phonics (Chris Consales, Wick Elementary), STEP (Sheila Stasak, Barth Elementary), Boys & Girls Club (Debbie Juriga, Wick Elementary, and Shellie Moore, Merriman Elementary), Senior Project (Jamie Nelson, Serena Kessler, and Monica Lewis, Romulus High School), and the RS Coalition, in conjunction with Southgate Schools, for Health and School Safety (Cheryl Davis and Al Wilkerson, Community High School).

Mrs. Buckley extended congratulations to recipients of Wayne County RESA awards (i.e., Gerilynn Kline, Barth Elementary School, Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year Award) and WC RESA awards candidates (i.e., Monica Ann Lewis, Romulus High School teacher, High School Teacher of the Year Award; Jennifer Madison, Merriman Elementary media technician, Support Staff Special Recognition Award; ShaVonna Johnson, Wick Elementary teacher, Rookie Teacher of the Year Award; and William Baum, Physical Education teacher, Ancillary Professional Staff Award).

Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, informed the Board of Education that Cory Elementary School had been awarded the Muth Award for Academic Excellence.

Mrs. Niema White invited the community to Romulus Elementary School's 2nd Annual Spring Fair on May 13th.

Mrs. White also thanked everyone for attending the recognition ceremony for Board members who became certified by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Mrs. White further asked about the Prom dress code. Mrs. Betty Lenossi informed the Board of Education that a Prom Committee had been formed, and guidelines for dress for Prom have been established.

Mrs. Buckley asked if the High School could provide a report on the discipline policy established at RHS for the 2004–2005 school year, and how it has worked. She further asked if the High School could come back and give the Board of Education an update.

Mrs. Buckley extended a "thank-you" to the community for the re-election of herself and April Frayer in the recent school board election.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

5/05/10 Moved by White supported by Lenossi to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel and negotiations. Roll call vote: Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Frayer, White, and Buckley. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

5/05/11 Moved by White supported by Mientkiewicz to reconvene in Regular Session of the Board of Education. Roll call vote: Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Frayer, White, and Buckley. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Regular Session at 8:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/05/12 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Lenossi that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Frayer, Vice-president and Acting Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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Community Calendar

- **Blood Drive at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, June 6, from 2 to 8 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome before 7:30 p.m. Appointments may be made through the church office (734-753-9048).
- **Mayor Hosts Ice-cream Social for Senior Citizens** – Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert invites local senior citizens to an ice-cream social at Progressive Hall (the Senior Center's temporary headquarters, located at 11580 Ozga Road) on Tuesday, June 14, at 12:30 p.m. To ensure that there's plenty of ice-cream and toppings for everyone, please preregister with the Senior Center (734-955-4120).
- **American Progressive Association Seeks New Members** – The American Progressive Association – one of the oldest nonprofit/community organizations in Romulus – meets at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (next meeting: June 14) at the Thomas J. Coleman Community Center (35351 Beverly Road). Annual membership dues are \$25 per year. New faces are welcome.
- **Youth Sports Camp** – The Romulus Community Schools Athletics and Physical Education departments will host their first annual Romulus Youth Technique Sports Camp – open to students in grades 3–8 for the 2005/2006 school year – the week of Monday, June 20, through Friday, June 24. The majority of the schedule will be spent on fundamentals and techniques; participants will also learn about the importance of attitude, discipline, work, pride, and team concept. Morning sessions (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.) will feature girls' basketball (Monday), volleyball or baseball (Tuesday), tennis (Wednesday), lacrosse or softball (Thursday), and wrestling (Friday). Afternoon sessions (1 to 3 p.m.) will include boys' basketball or cheerleading (Monday), swimming or golf (Tuesday), track and cross-country (Wednesday), soccer (Thursday), and football (Friday). All camps will be held at Romulus Middle School except for the swimming session, which will take place at Romulus High School. Cost for the camp is \$5 per session or \$20 for the week. Register on the day of the camp between 9:30 and 10 a.m. for morning sessions or 12:30 to 1 p.m. for afternoon classes. *Transportation is not provided. Campers enrolled in both a.m. and p.m. sessions should bring a hearty lunch to carry them through the day.* For more information, call 734-532-1122.
- **Vacation Bible School** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) invites local youths to attend Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday, June 20, through Friday, June 24. For more information, call 734-753-9048.
- **New Life Baptist Church Welcomes You!** – New Life Baptist Church invites the public to attend weekly worship services on Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds (10871 Quirk Road, Belleville). For more information, call Reverend Billy J. Hailes, pastor, at 734-697-4952, or send an e-mail to smmajcig2002.
- **Open Arms Lutheran Church** – Open Arms Lutheran Church (7865 Belleville Road, Belleville) invites the public to worship at 10 a.m. each Sunday. For more information, call Reverend Jim Richter at 734-699-5000.
- **Romulus Head Start Accepting Registrations** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently accepting registrations for the 2005–2006 school year. To register his/her child, a parent/guardian must provide the following information: the child's birth certificate and immunization records, Social Security cards for both the parent and the child, family income verification (W2, 1040, FIA breakdown, etc.), the child's health insurance card, and proof of residency. Registrations may be made at the Burton Center (35408 Beverly Road) any weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please allow 60 to 90 minutes to complete all the necessary forms. For info, call 734-532-1900.
- **Kindergarten Enrollment Now Open** – Romulus Community Schools continues to accept enrollment for its all-day/every-day and half-day/every-day kindergarten programs for the 2005–2006 school year. Children who will be five years old as of December 1, 2005, are eligible. For more information, contact your neighborhood school.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar,
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RHS Students Recognized for Academics

Congratulations to the following Romulus High School students, whose hard work and dedication earned them a spot on the honor roll for the fifth marking period of the 2004-2005 school year.

ALL A's

Students on the "All A's" roll maintained a grade point average of 4.0 or better.

Ninth Grade

Rachel Arthur, Chelsea Earby, Vaughn Liendo, Arielle Morgan, Leanna Pioli, Samantha Stewart, and Tranay Tanner.

Tenth Grade

Jennifer Dick and Jessica Mills.

Eleventh Grade

Adam Delay and Jonathan McLachlan.

Twelfth Grade

Kristen Atchley, Jazmine Bennett, Ronnie Brown, Katie Hale, and Kimberly Wilson.

HIGH HONORS

Students on the "High Honors" roll maintained a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99.

Ninth Grade

Antoine Baines, Heather Baval, Frances Cistrunk, Gregory Cooper, Matthew Destrampe, Shaniya Dye, JoAnna Ezell, Stacy Fabinski, Brittany Frazier, Dierrie Golden, Crystal Greer, Kristina Hall, Tia Hall, Kourtney Hamilton, Adam Hammond, Steven Hawes, Lauren Hidenfelter, Katrina Jadzinski, Kristin Leigh, Amanda Menser, Melissa Peterson, Nakendra Pinkston, Tiffany Rich, Akara Stovall, Abigail Tieppo, Tricia Wana-maker, and Demar Watkins.

Tenth Grade

Shawn Abney, Andrew Boyd, Larhonda Colvin, Stacy Davidson, Jessica Dick, Yetunde Emanuel, Carissa Franklin, Shalayia Frye, Tiffany Gray, James Hoskinson, Joy Jendritz, Aurielle McCaulley, Krystal McCloud, Tamila Myles, Jetaun Robinson, Amna Sheikh, Erika Wasson, Dakota Watson, Theresa Windom, Brittany Wright, and Desirea Yates.

Eleventh Grade

Carla Anderson, Samantha Arnett-Butscher, Ashley Austin, Megan Bearman, Bradley Bills, Ayibatari Burutolu, Judith Hammond, Brittany Howard, Sara Hurt, Jennifer Lammers, Courtney MacDougall, Tiffani McCloud, Ashley Moss, Amanda Nowicki, Isabel Polter, Patricia Silvey, Megan Whalen, and Jessica Workman.

Twelfth Grade

Tiffany Block, Justin Chapman, Chrystal Coleman, Monica Cox, Arielle Gray, Crystal Hahn, Paris Hawkins, Janet Johnson, Daniel Kinney, Sherita Leverett, Antoinette Nelson, Michelle Patterson, Lindsay Sharp, Sawaira Sheikh, Jessica Shelton, Joshua Slaght, Matthew Steffani, Travis Steinbrink, Avery Stephenson, and Joann Tieppo.

HONORS

Students on the "Honors" roll maintained a grade point average of 3.00 to 3.49.

Ninth Grade

Cristina Barnett, Marwin Boyd, Amelia Britz, Jasmine Brown, Dominique Buckley, Dean Burcroff, Latiesa Burnett, Ryann Chamberlin, Tiffany Clark, Tiffany Conradson, Bianca Courtland, Kaitlyn Cousino, Annie Cox, Janella Dillard, Christopher Floyd, Alfonso Garcia, Kassandra Gray, Maura Harris, Brittney Heil, Gerald Horton, Idiakosa Igbinobaro, Javonté Jackson, Rose Julius, Rebecca Khalaf, Rebecca Lewkowicz, Jacquelyn Logan, Jennifer Logan, Brittney Losacco, Valencia Mathews, Janeice McNeal, Joya McNeal, Tanisha Miller, Kiara Moon, Kevaunte Moore, Alecia Morgan, Corey Neely, Darius Osborne, Kandice Penn, Katelyn Rogers, Lance Rusan, Stephanie Rutherford, Carrie Sawdy, Chenise Smith, India Smith, Courtney Squirewell, Jasmine Stephens, Matthew Wagle, Monique Walker, Julian Williams, and Sarquese Williams.

Tenth Grade

Shon Aggison, Maurice Anderson, Brianna Ashby, Briana Bray, Melissa Brewington, Jason Britton, Kerri Britz, Megan Brooks, Akeem Burkes, Christopher Burton, Carletta Carter, Katherine Cobb, Joshua Dew, Jessica Donald, Angela Gondek, Edwina Jackson, Jessica James, Jennifer Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Joseph Kiesznowski, Thomas Kuderik, Alysa Long, Bianca McDavid, Maureen McGlynn, Richelle Mortzfield, Audrey Reed, Eric Smith, Monay Smith, Jesse Spicer, Kevin Stobbe, Bethany Strain, Patricia Tucker, Daryl Wilson, and Shakita Wilson.

Eleventh Grade

Lanunya Averett, Richard Bennett, Lindsay Beregsasy, Joshua Carroll, Ronald Carter, Tiffany Claiborne, Mari Clay, Shaneta Cotton, Katrell Duncan, Brittney Garrison, Doloris Garry, Dean Gilbert, Carl Gillespie, Nicole Goodman, Kyle Hardoin, Ashley Horyn, Michael Hudson, Anita Kizer, Matthew Koester, Erica Lin-

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Editor's note: The Romulus News welcomes honors, citizenship, and attendance rolls from all schools attended by Romulus residents. To submit your school's list(s), mail them to the address in the masthead on page 2, fax them to 734-992-2052, or call 734-941-1907 to arrange a pickup. □

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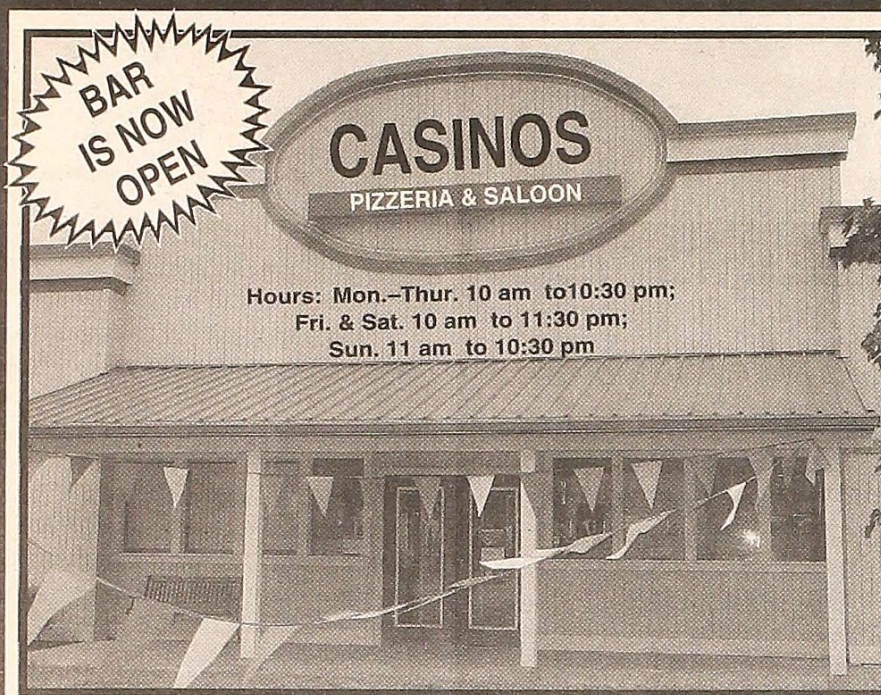
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Mayor Alan R. Lambert (center) recently performed the marriage ceremony of Romulus residents Chukwudi Francis Okaro and Regina Worthy. The couple dressed in traditional Nigerian wedding attire to exchange their vows. Mr. Okaro moved to Romulus from Nigeria nine years ago.

Obituaries

Shirley M. Masten

Shirley M. Masten of Taylor, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, May 29, 2005, at the age of 74.

Shirley – a native of Detroit, Michigan – was born on Monday, December 8, 1930. She was a big fan of the Detroit Red Wings, and enjoyed knitting gloves and family activities.

Among those surviving Shirley are a daughter, Gerri Watt (Taylor); 5 sons, Michael (Peggy) Watt (Romulus, MI), Patrick (Teri) Watt (Dearborn Heights, MI), Thomas (Debbie) Watt (Romulus), Joseph (Shelley) Watt (Romulus), and Richard (Glennis) Watt (Panorama City, CA); 2 brothers, Raymond Way (Canton, MI) and Jack Jones (Mexico); 2 sisters,

Jean Shuryan (Wayne, MI) and Kathy (Jim) Darfler (Westland, MI); 19 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in passing by her parents, Lewellyn H. and Ethel (McGarvey) Jones; her husband, Nelso Masten; 2 sons, William R. and Joseph Watt; and 2 brothers, Lou and Pat.

A funeral service was held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus) on Wednesday, June 1, with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded.

Memorial tributes to St. Mary's Hospital-Cancer Care will be greatly appreciated by the Masten family.

Wallace D. "Wally" Summers

Wallace D. "Wally" Summers of Bloomingdale, Indiana, passed away on May 2, 2005, at the age of 78.

Born Thursday, August 26, 1926 in Champaign, Illinois, he was the son of Orville E. and Hazel Summers. He married Aletha Mathews on June 21, 1952.

Wally lived in Romulus, Michigan, for 50 years before he retired and moved to Indiana. The self-employed carpenter and cabinetmaker was a graduate of Romulus High School, and served in the Navy in World War II. A member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville, Michigan, he enjoyed music, sailing, skiing, tennis, and traveling.

Surviving him are his wife; 2 sons,

Dale L. Summers (Redford, MI) and Glen (Lisa) Summers (Bloomington); 2 brothers, Edward N. Summers (Loomis, CA) and Alan E. Summers (Pinckney, MI); and a sister, Crystal E. Summers (Romulus).

He was preceded in passing by his parents.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 14, at Trinity Church, with Father John Hogan officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial contributions to Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association would be greatly appreciated by the Summers family. □

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